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Dear Mr. Plasker:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the draft *Guidelines for Procurement of Professional Photogrammetry, Lidar and Related Remote Sensor-based Geospatial Mapping Services*.

On behalf of the Association of American Geographers (AAG), we support the comments made in the attached letter submitted by prominent members of ASPRS (the "Participating Firms Memo").

The AAG, together with several other geographic associations, identified similar concerns in an *amicus curiae* brief submitted in conjunction with the recent MAPPS v. U.S. case. Our position has not changed on these issues. The AAG concurs with the concerns expressed in the attached letter, and urges the ASPRS to take these comments into serious consideration.

The AAG has over 10,000 members from the private sector, public sector, and academia. Thousands of the members of our association have expertise in and/or work in the remote sensing and photogrammetric fields.

Sincerely,

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